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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: NOMINATION OF ROMANIAN LECTURER IOAN AUREL  
POPA

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EMBASSY FULLY APPRECIATES UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS REASONS FOR  
REJECTING POPA AS LATE REPLACEMENT FOR ORIGINAL TRIFU  
NOMINATION AND IS NOT ENTIRELY OUT OF SYMPATHY WITH VIEW THAT  
ILLINOIS ACTION CAN SERVE AS OBJECT LESSON TO ROMANIANS RE  
WITHDRAWALS AND LATE NOMINATIONS. NONETHELESS, WE SUGGEST  
CHAMPAGNE-URBANA MAY WANT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION ON FOLLOWING  
GROUNDS:

A. POPA HIGHLY PRAISED FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS  
BY CURRENT FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS KEITH SAUER AND ALLEN FLINT  
ON THE SCENE IN CLUJ. NOMINEE ALSO GOT STRONGER  
THAN USUAL RECOMMENDATION FROM CLUJ UNIVERSITY RECTOR PASCU.

(2) POPA'S COMMAND OF ENGLISH RATED EXCELLENT.

(3) POPA'S CONTRIBUTION TO ILLINOIS COULD BE FLEXIBLE AND  
VARIOUS INCLUDING: BEGINNERS AND/OR ADVANCED COURSES IN  
ROMANIAN LANGUAGE; WORK WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ROMANCE  
LANGUAGES; SURVEY OF ROMANIAN LITERATURE WITH EMPHASIS ON  
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ROMANIAN-AMERICAN AUTHOR PETER NEAGOE; GENERAL COURSE IN

ROMANIAN CIVILIZATION FOR WIDER AUDIENCE; AND OCCASIONAL  
LECTURES ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES IN ROMANIA AND ON CONTEMPORARY  
ROMANIAN CULTURAL LIFE AND HISTORY.

(4) WITHDRAWAL OF TRIFU NOMINATION APPARENTLY JUSTIFIED  
ACADEMICALLY SINCE ORIGINAL NOMINEE FACES EXAMINATIONS FOR  
PROMOTION TO FULL PROFESSORSHIP.  
EMBASSY BELIEVES FAVORABLE ILLINOIS RECONSIDERATION WOULD REDOUND  
TO ITS OWN BENEFIT IN SPECIFIC AND TO US-ROMANIAN  
CULTURAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL IN CLUJ.  
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